Amendments to the Specification:

This listing of specifications will replace all prior versions, and listings of specifications in the application.

Listing of Specifications:

On page 1, beginning with line 4, please replace the paragraph with the following:

The invention concerns a backing plate for a disk assembly of a force transmitting aggregate, in particular a multi-disk wet clutch or a multi-disk wet brake system, according to the precharacterizing portion of ~~claim 1~~ as show in drawings and described in the specification.

On page 1, beginning with line 19, please replace the paragraph with the following:

This task is inventively solved by a backing plate having the features ~~of the characterizing portion of claim 1~~ as described herein.

On page 1, beginning with line 21, please replace the paragraph with the following:

Advantageous embodiments and further developments of the invention can be seen from the ~~dependent claims~~ features described.